

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Huizenga called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Accavitti, McConico (14/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Wenke, David Law, Marleau, Murphy, Bennett (5/19)

Representative Palsrok, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2005. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4538, 4539** and **4540** before the committee.

HB 4538	McConico	Economic development; neighborhood enterprise zones; homestead facilities and duration of tax abatement; create and modify.
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HB 4539	Virgil Smith	Economic development; neighborhood enterprise zones; homestead facilities and duration of tax abatement; create and modify.
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HB 4540	Gaffney	Economic development; neighborhood enterprise zones; homestead facilities and duration of tax abatement; create and modify.
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Representative McConico explained the intent of **House Bill 4538** and answered questions.

Representative Virgil Smith explained the intent of **House Bill 4539** and answered questions.

Representative Gaffney explained the intent of **House Bill 4540** and answered questions.

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, representing the City of Detroit, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Fred Morgan, representing the City of Detroit, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Melissa Trustman, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, testified in **support** of the bills.

Annette Guilfoyle, representing the City of Grand Rapids, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in **opposition** to the bills.

Jeffrey Hines and **Craig Vanderburg**, representing the Detroit Tax Forum, testified in **support** of the bills.

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, testified in **support** of the **concept** of the bills.

Ben Stupka, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Nell Kuhnmuench, representing Detroit Renaissance, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Peggy Johnson, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card indicating a **neutral** position on the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Representative McConico, supported by **Representative Tobocman**, moved to report **House Bill 4538** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Accavitti, McConico (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Accavitti, supported by **Representative McConico**, moved to report **House Bill 4539** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Accavitti, McConico (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Jones, supported by **Representative Baxter**, moved to report **House Bill 4540** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Accavitti, McConico (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative McConico, supported by **Representative Meisner**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representatives Wenke, David Law, Marleau, Murphy** and **Bennett**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **11:40 a.m.**

Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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